

Appl. No. 09/829,858
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004. In the Office Action, claims 1-65 were cited as being subject to a restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks.

I) RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, claims 1-10, 53, 62-65 drawn were classified in Group one. Claims 11-32, 50-52 were classified into Group two. Claims 33-49 and 54-59 were classified into Group three. Applicant hereby elects to go forward with claims 11-32, 50-52 and 60-61 in Group 2. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-10, 53, and 62-65 in Group one and claims 33-49 and 54-59 in Group three without prejudice in order to comply with the restriction requirement.

II) NEW CLAIMS

Applicant has added new method claims 66-72 corresponding to Group 2. Consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Examination as to the merits of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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